



2024

CAMP IMPACT REPORT



**Scouting
America**

Michigan Crossroads Council

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7 CAMPS, 7 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES



COLE CANOE BASE · ALGER, MICHIGAN

Edward N. Cole Canoe Base offers 1,489 acres of wilderness for a unique Scouting experience, where Scouts can canoe the Rifle River, enjoy outdoor recreation, earn rank advancements and merit badges, lead hiking expeditions, and participate in range and target activities.



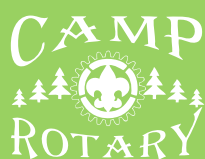
D-BAR-A SCOUT RANCH · METAMORA, MICHIGAN

Located an hour north of Detroit, D-Bar-A-Scout Ranch offers nearly 1,800 acres of wilderness where Scouts can explore on horseback, climb a 32-foot tower, enjoy range and target activities, visit Nature Centers, scale a Bouldering Wall, and hike 11 miles of trails for an unforgettable Scouting experience.



GERBER SCOUT RESERVATION · TWIN LAKE, MICHIGAN

Located in the Manistee Forest near Twin Lake, Michigan, Gerber Scout Reservation provides a dynamic Scouting experience with a scenic waterfront, Honor Ground, Climbing Tower, crafting, an Environmental Resource Center, and various range and target activities.



CAMP ROTARY · CLARE, MICHIGAN

With one of the nation's cleanest spring-fed lakes, Camp Rotary offers a stunning setting of rolling hills and pine trees, along with premier target ranges, climbing and rappelling, waterfront activities, and a camaraderie-building atmosphere.



CAMP TEETONKAH · JACKSON, MICHIGAN

Located in the Irish Hills of Michigan on the shore of Big Wolf Lake, Camp Teetonkah spans 240 acres and, as one of the oldest Scout camps in the country, offers everything needed for the perfect Scouting adventure.



GREAT LAKES SAILING ADVENTURE

Ahoy! Set sail aboard Retriever, a 52' ketch docked in Mackinaw City for the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure, where older Scouts demonstrate the skills they've developed throughout their Scouting career while learning sailboat handling, steering, navigation, marine safety, and cruising techniques.



ADVENTURE POINT DAY CAMP · GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Adventure Point lives up to its name with exciting, cooperative, and physically rewarding activities, including a climbing wall, zipline, obstacle course, archery, wristrockets, wet-n-wild days, and more!



AN ACTIVE SUMMER ACROSS MCGG CAMPS



ATTENDANCE



CUB SCOUTS

1,567



SCOUTS BSA

3,708



SUMMER CAMP STAFF

189



ADULT VOLUNTEERS

1,602



AT-RISK YOUTH

549

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

170 YOUTH



108 ADULTS

16,822 MERIT BADGES EARNED

TOP 5 BADGES EARNED:



**SCOUTS RECEIVING
NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:**

739

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:**

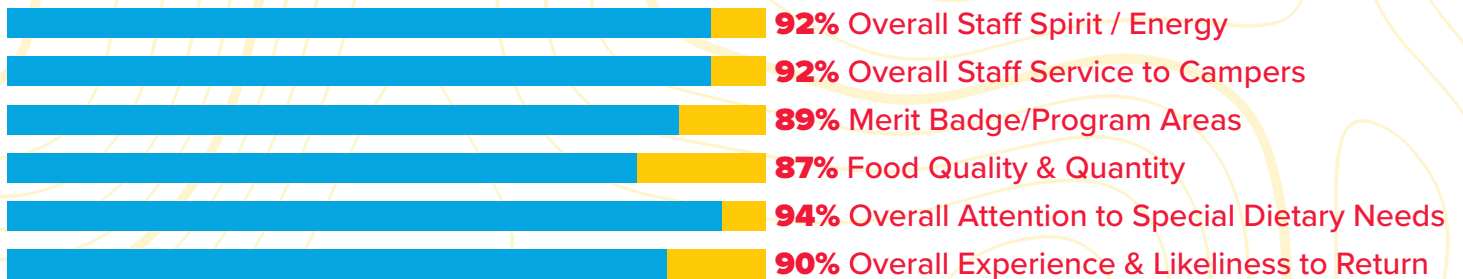
\$93,170



HIGHLY SATISFIED CAMPERS

Helpful, Courteous and Prepared: Camp Staff provides service you can count on to make Summer Camp an unforgettable Scouting experience!

Campers rated the following as Good-Excellent:



Physical fitness, safety, creativity & collaboration guide the Scout Camp Experience!

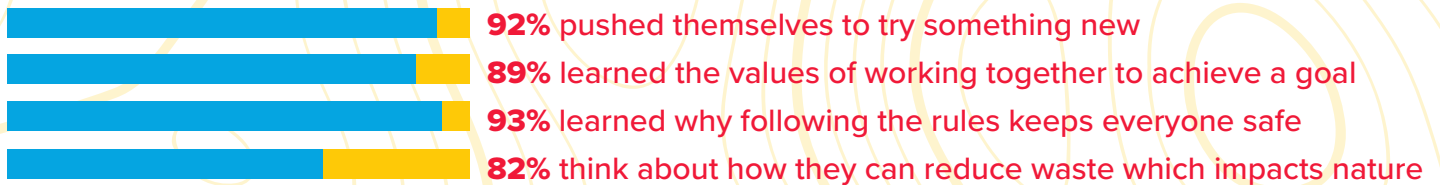
The following programs are part of the integral Scout Camp Experience at Camps Rotary, D-Bar-A and Gerber. Here's how they were rated by campers in 2024:



CAMP'S RESOUNDING IMPACT ON YOUTH

Throughout the year, Scouts are taught timeless traditions which prepare them for the modern world. While at Summer Camp, Scouts engage in activities which build foundational skills that help them thrive later in life, including the value of working hard, problem solving, networking and collaborating.

Thanks to Summer Camp, youth reported:



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I love my counselor because she knows that I'm not good at all things but I'm good at some things and that's perfect for me.

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I had fun and got to experience different kinds of climbing, climbing safety, and how to belay for someone repelling down the climbing wall.

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While at camp, I learned about the different branches of Scouts and how they help in the community by planting trees and flowers, cleaning out churches and working with youth. One important thing I learned was how to plan for a disaster, and how to help others in crisis.

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THANK YOU!

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE

In 2024, we were able to offer \$93,170 for need-based camp scholarships! Without your support, camp may not have been possible for 739 Scouts. Here's what they wanted to share with you:

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If it weren't for you, so many people wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to camp! Thank you for setting an example of generosity for the world.

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Thank you so much to everyone who helped sponsor my camping experience at Cole Canoe base. It was a fun-filled week of adventures and learning that I will never forget! I hope one day I'll be able to pay it forward.

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I come from a larger family of 4 kids and we can't always do all of the activities that we want. Thanks to your support, my family was able to send me and my siblings to Scout camp, and it was an experience I'm glad I didn't miss out on. I learned so many things and feel more connected with my troop. Thank you for supporting me in my Scouting journey.

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Going to D-Bar-A was the highlight of my summer! Thank you so very much for your generosity that allowed my sister, brother and myself to go to Scout camp without worrying about the combined cost of 3 campers. It really made a positive impact on how I viewed camp as a whole.

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SCAN TO SPONSOR AN ADVENTURE:



CAMP SPOTLIGHT ADVENTURE POINT

Located just five miles northwest of Grand Rapids, Adventure Point is the region's premier youth and adult adventure center focused on team building, sustainability, STEM, leadership, and outdoor adventures for all ages. Adventure Point delivers Scouting programs to Youth who may not otherwise be involved with the organization, providing opportunities for leadership development, outdoor education, and character-building experiences.

"I love camp because I learned how to climb—boy is that wall tall!"

"My favorite part of day camp is coming every day to play with my new friends - I've never had this many friends in my life!"

"This camp food is MUCH better than my school lunch – I wish adventure point cooked for our school!"

212

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED
in Summer Day Camp

196

YOUTH CAMPING at
least 1 Full-Day Camp Week

68

YOUTH CAMPING at least
2 Full-Day Camp Weeks

61

YOUTH CAMPING at least
4 Full-Day Camp Weeks

29

YOUTH CAMPING all
6 sessions of Day Camp

16

**YOUTH
ATTENDED**
our weekly Fun
Friday's One-Day
Camp Experience

8

**SUMMER
CAMP
STAFF**



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OUR CAMPS

1. COLE CANOE BASE

1356 E. Greenwood Road, Alger, MI 48610

2. D-BAR-A SCOUT RANCH

880 E. Sutton Road, Metamora, MI 48455

3. GERBER SCOUT RESERVATION

1733 Owasippe Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457

4. GREAT LAKES SAILING ADVENTURE

Home Port in Mackinaw City, MI 49701

5. CAMP ROTARY

3201 S. Clare Avenue, Clare MI 48617

6. CAMP TEETONKAH

3710 Burkhardt Road, Jackson MI 49201

7. ADVENTURE POINT

3213 Walker Ave NW, Walker MI 49544

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

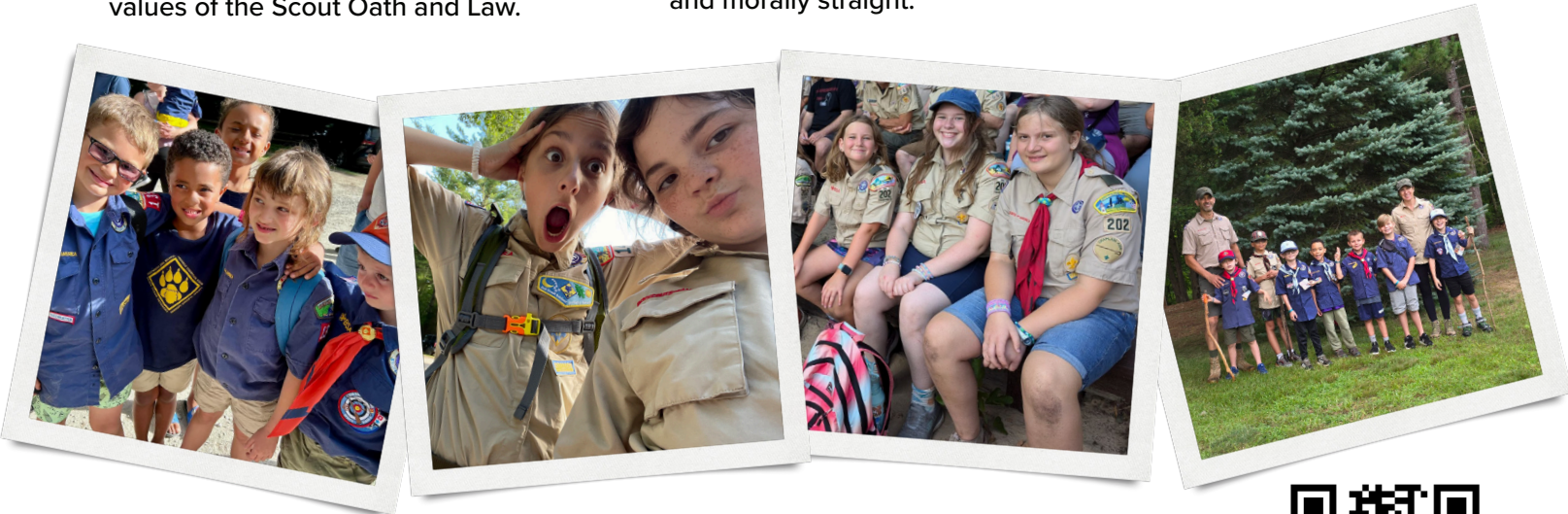
The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW A Scout is...

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMPING ADVENTURES WITH THE MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL:

